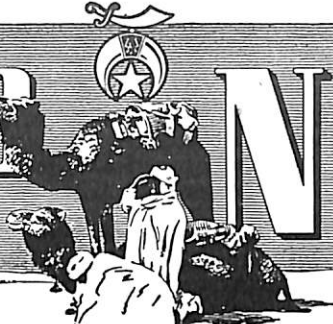


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## ALEPPO BOND DRIVE REACHES \$6,500,000

### TEMPLE BUYS \$25,000 IN 7th WAR LOAN

THE success of the \$10,000,000.00 War Bond Drive of Aleppo Temple was assured June 1 when the drive passed the half way mark of \$5,000,000.00 in credits received as of that date. It climbed to \$6,500,000.00 as we go to press.

Complete success, however, still depends on the members of Aleppo Temple, each one of whom is requested by Potentate Sondheim to continue to solicit the sales of War Bonds and credit the same to our drive. Any Government Bond purchased before July 7, by an individual, business house, or organization, can be credited to this drive of the Temple. To assure credit being given Aleppo the purchaser, at the time the sale is made, should fill out a credit slip and forward the same to the Recorder at 97 Huntington Ave., Boston. One of these credit slips will be found on page 3 of this issue. Additional slips will be forwarded upon request.

At the May Ceremonial and Bond Rally in Mechanics Building over \$1,000,000.00 in credits were turned in through the efforts of the Bond Committee, assisted by the personal appearance of many nationally known figures including Noble William C. FitzGibbon, of the U. S. Treasury Department, who is a member of the Shrine in Washington, D. C., who spoke to the members on the 7th War Loan. Also speaking at the Aleppo Rally were Mr. F. W. Denio, Chairman of the State War Finance Committee; Cesar Romero, Chief Boatswains Mate, U.S.C.G., and former movie actor, who recently returned from 18 months in the South Pacific; Mitzi Green, movie actress and P. P. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Imperial Captain of the Guard.

Inspiring the members of Aleppo to purchase more bonds to back our fighting units Past Potentate Wilson presented Potentate Sondheim a check for \$25,000 from the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of the Temple to purchase a \$25,000 Bond in the name of the Temple, bringing the total amount of the Temple's purchases in War Bonds to date to \$300,000.00.

Potentate Sondheim appeals to all members of Aleppo not to let up on their bond purchases and to insist on giving the credit for the solicitation of sales to the Temple.

With the cooperation of every member the \$10,000,000.00 mark is sure to be reached.



### MESSAGE TO THE NOBILITY OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

AS a preliminary report on our \$10,000,000.00 War Bond Drive for the 7th War Loan, at the time this message is being written, we have passed the half way mark. I earnestly desire that every Noble will put forth his best efforts in order that we may not only attain, but exceed our goal. At this time I wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation and support which has been given to me by Past Potentate James J. Curry, as Chairman of the Committee, also by the other members of the Committee and the individual Nobles, in this worthy enterprise. LET'S GO OVER THE TOP.

Hearty congratulations to Director Frank Watson and his men on the Degree Staff for the marvelous stunts they pulled off so successfully at our last Ceremonial. We have received nothing but praise and commendation for their endeavor.

I also want to compliment Major Ben Vaughan and the Patrol for their grand work, especially in the designs of the square and compass worked at the Ceremonial. It certainly must have required a great deal of practice to have executed these so skillfully and effectively.

The Aleppo Band, under the leadership of Walter Smith, deserves a great deal of credit for the part they carried out in this program, which was enjoyed so much by the membership present. The members always look forward to the music of our wonderful band, especially the solo renditions of the leader, Walter Smith.

It sure was fine to have some 143 candidates at our last Ceremonial. Our next complete Ceremonial will take place the latter part of November, where I am anticipating a class of at least 250. I know this can be accomplished with the aid of the Nobility.

We are somewhat lacking in our Permanent Contribution Memberships in the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. The cost of one of these memberships is

\$60.00, and eliminates the payment of the \$2.00 annual assessment for the maintenance of the hospitals. Won't you please help Aleppo Temple by sending in your check for \$60.00? The Imperial Council hopes to attain a total of 100,000 contributing members before the end of the year.

Wishing each and every one of you a grand and glorious summer,

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

ARTHUR A. SONDEHEIM,  
Potentate.



### FREEDOM

FROM the archives of a broken peace we are bringing out old words and dusting them off for use again as shining lanterns to guide us through another war. Words like freedom, justice and truth, all of them hard to define, none of them used more frequently than freedom. It is enough to point to it.

Freedom is a man lifting a gate latch at dusk and sitting for a while on the porch smoking his pipe before he goes to bed.

It is the violence of an argument outside an election poll. It is the righteous anger of the pulpits.

It is the warm laughter of a girl on a park bench. It is the rush of the train over the continent and the unafraid faces of people looking out the window. It is all the how-dies in the world and all the hellos.

It is Lindbergh's appealing voice raised above a thousand hisses. It is Dorothy Thompson asking for war, Gen. Hugh Johnson telling her to shut up.

It is you trying to remember the words of "The Star Spangled Banner."

It is the sea breaking on dry sand somewhere and the shoulders of a mountain supporting the sky. It is the air you fill your lungs with and the dirt that is in your garden.

It is a man cursing all cops. It is the absence of apprehension at approaching footsteps outside your closed door.

It is your hot resentment of intrigue. It is the tilt of your chin and the tightening of your lips sometimes.

It is all the things you do and want to keep on doing.

It is all the things you feel and cannot help feeling.

Freedom—it is you.

(The above editorial was written by Miss Hazel Parker and reprinted by courtesy "Louisville Courier-Journal," Louisville, Kentucky.)

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**D**UE to the severe shortage of paper it has been found necessary to combine the June and July issues of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS again this year. Aleppo Temple is happy to concur with the request of the Government that publications reduce their quota of paper used during the year.

The next issue of the NEWS to be published will be the August issue, which will contain information with reference to the fall activities of the Temple.



COMMISSIONER  
HERMAN A. MacDONALD  
SHRINE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

**A**T the final Shrine Luncheon of the season held in the Statler Hotel, Boston, Tuesday, May 22, Noble Herman A. MacDonald, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts, gave a most interesting address on the "Activities of the Commonwealth Department of Public Works."

Mr. MacDonald, who is a former member of the Massachusetts Legislature and who served as Chief Secretary to three Governors of the Commonwealth, gave a detailed report of the construction of the new State Airport located at East Boston, for which the Legislature recently voted fifteen million dollars for expenditures.

Mr. MacDonald has been for many months leading the fight for a large International Airport in Boston and is determined to give this city and state the most outstanding International Airport in the East.

Among the distinguished guests of Potentate Sondheim at the head table were: Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts; Rt. Em. Sir G. Lester Marston, Grand Master of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of Mass. and R. I.; Most Ill. William O. Tuckerman, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Massachusetts; Most Excellent Basil M. Parsons, Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mass.; Winthrop J. Cushing, Commander in Chief of Massachusetts Consistory; Rutherford E. Smith, Most Wise Master, Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix; Ralph E. Curtis, Sovereign Prince, Giles F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem; F. Henry Caffin, Thrice Potent Master, Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection; Judge Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Imperial Captain of the Guard of the Imperial Council and Noble Fred W. Cook, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Before introducing the speaker of the luncheon Illustrious Potentate Sondheim presented to the 400 members present his special guest, Cesar Romero, celebrated movie star and Chief Boatswain's Mate of the United States Coast Guard, who recently returned from duty in the South Pacific. Mr. Romero is traveling throughout the State during the 7th War Loan Drive with a Coast Guard Show sponsored by the Treasury Department for the purpose of stimulating the sales of War Bonds.

These Shrine Luncheons, which have been so successful in the past, will be resumed September 25, for the Fall Season.



SHRINE ROOM DEDICATED IN  
WASHINGTON MASONIC  
MEMORIAL

**O**N Monday afternoon, May 21, "The Mystic Shrine Room" in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, was dedicated.

The room is located on the north side of the Memorial overlooking Washington Monument and the Capital. Eventually the room will carry the original documents on the founding of the Shrine, jewels of the first officers, all the proceedings of The Imperial Council since it began, fezzes from the hundred and fifty-nine temples in North America, pictures of all the Past Imperial Potentates and Imperial Records, paintings of the three Presidents of the United States who were Shriners, Nobles Harding, Roosevelt and Truman, and Vice-President Noble Fairbanks, as well as many other paintings, pictures and documents. It will also contain models of the fifteen Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

One of the features of the exercises at the dedication was the unveiling of a life-size, oil-painting of William J. Florence, one of the founders of the Order, which was donated by Noble Lou Donnatin, Recorder

of Mecca Temple, New York. Mecca and several other temples have presented documents of historic value to the Shrine which will be on exhibition in the room.

This room will be a place every Shriner in North America can rightfully be proud of and something that will add great color to the beautiful building. It will attract thousands of visitors and be worthy of a pilgrimage in the future.



NOBLE RODGERS COMPLETES  
SHRINE MUSICAL SCORE

**T**HE nationally known organist, Noble Harry Rodgers of Aleppo Temple recently finished work on a complete musical score for a Shrine Ceremonial. This musical setting by Noble Rodgers was arranged for Potentate William H. Hinman of Kora Temple and was used for the first time at Kora's Spring Ceremonial at Lewiston, Maine, Friday, April 27th.

Noble Rodgers conducted the musical program and played the new Hammond Organ, which was presented to Kora Temple by Noble George Davis, well known Cadillac automobile dealer in Lewiston.

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COMING EVENTS IN ALEPPO TEMPLE

*(The following dates are tentative and are subject to change until confirmed in a separate and final notice)*

**April 9 through July 7 — Aleppo's \$10,000,000.00 War Bond Drive.** See page 3 for details. **Buy more bonds. Give Credit to Aleppo.**

**Thursday, June 28 — Shrine Night at Sir Galahad Chapter of Roslindale, Order of DeMolay for Boys.** Reception to Potentate and Officers. Dinner. Degree work by Sir Galahad Chapter. All Shriners welcome. Masonic Temple, Roslindale Square, 7.30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 25 — Shrine Luncheon.** Copley Plaza Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 31 — Charity Bridge and Potentate's Ball.** Imperial Ballroom, Statler Hotel.

**Wednesday, November 28 — Shrine Luncheon.** Statler Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

**Friday, November 30 — Fall Ceremonial in Full Form.** Mechanics Building, Boston.



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If you have not yet bought your bonds, buy them now and credit Aleppo for the solicitation of sales. If you have already bought your limit, buy at least one extra bond for the boys who are doing the work and giving their all for your freedom.

Purchase your bonds from your own bank or bond agent as you have always done but insist at the time of purchase that credit for solicitation be given to the Aleppo Temple Bond Drive. A credit form for that purpose is printed below and should be forwarded to the Temple at the time of purchase.

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In establishing a Permanent Endowment Fund for these hospitals, every Shriner is given an opportunity to contribute, in a way that will endure long after his work on earth is over, to the perpetuation and advancement of this great cause.

For the small sum of \$60 a Shriner may translate his personal faith into works and establish a lasting memorial testifying in a practical way to his gratitude to his Creator and his love for God's children.

To date more than 80,000 of these Permanent Contributing Memberships and Voluntary Permanent Subscriptions have been recorded.

Noble, if you have not already contributed to this Permanent Endowment Fund, read these words and ponder. All over America the hands of helpless, suffering, crippled little ones are raised imploringly to YOU in the supreme appeal of innocence and hope for an opportunity to be made whole.

Will you, CAN you, deny them this one chance? If you would keep your faith alive, you must translate it into works. And this is one of the greatest ways you can choose.



## MASONIC FACTS

THE first Freemason in America was John Moore, who came from England in 1680 and wrote in 1715 that he had spent a few pleasant evenings with his Masonic brethren.

The oldest Masonic lodges in the United States are St. John's Lodge in Boston, chartered or founded in 1733; Solomon's Lodge at Savannah, Ga., in 1735 and Solomon's Lodge in Charleston, N. C., in the same year.

First Masonic hall in America was erected in Philadelphia in 1734. The first reference to the Master Mason degree that is available was dated in 1720. The first Book of Constitutions was published in 1720.

Two-thirds of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons.

LaFayette was made a Mason in an army lodge at Valley Forge by George Washington, and when he returned to visit America in 1825, he had with him his son, George Washington LaFayette, who was a member of the Craft.

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2. ☐ **For Non-Shriners and Organizations:**

I wish to join with the Shrine in their work for crippled children. Please enroll me as a Voluntary Member of the Maintenance Fund of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Enclosed check for \$ . . . . . for . . . . . memberships. (Minimum, one membership \$60.00) (Make checks payable to Aleppo Temple)

Engrave certificate in my name as follows: . . . . .  
Mail certificate to me at:

Name . . . . .

Address . . . . .



By J. ARTHUR MCCOY  
Associate Editor

AT the Bond Ceremonial, May 25, the original orders for the patrol were reversed. Instead of being onlookers, the members put on the usual evening parade. Of a total membership of 151, only seven failed to answer roll call.

This month there is no serious illness among the members.

Scratch Taylor, our C.B.M. of the Coast Guard, flew home June 1, for a 20-day leave, tired after his activities in the Pacific.

Walter Keers, of the fourth platoon, has been transferred to Manchester, N. H., by his Company, so he will be missing from drills.

Bill Miller, of the N. C. Staff, is now a sales representative for the U. S. Vitamine Corporation, and has just completed a successful trip through New England.

We welcome a new member to the patrol in Martin J. Heiligmann, Jr., assigned to the colors. Noble Heiligmann is an attorney at law, living at 201 Maple Street, West Roxbury. He is a member of Joseph Webb Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter and Boston Commandery. He was formerly in the U. S. Naval Reserve and is Past Commander of Post 36 of the American Legion.

Whenever there is a Masonic group carrying on some worthwhile project it is very likely that some of the members of the Patrol will be actively participating in the program. One such organization is the Eastern Massachusetts Presiding Councils Club of the Grand Commandery. The Club was organized in 1931 by Em. William Mann and comprises the members of the presiding councils of the thirty-two Commanderies in this jurisdiction. Every year the Club sponsors and promotes some worth-while object. Em. Harold Burr, who conducts a printing service, is a member of the State Guard, a petty officer on

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the Patrol, also finds time to act as Secretary-Treasurer of the Club. Two years ago, during the administration of Em. Bill Sharpe, the Club furnished one of the day rooms at Camp Edwards. This past year the Club raised \$1,000 for the Shriners' Hospital, the fund being invested in a War Bond and the purchase credited to Aleppo, as reported by Potentate Sondheim, at the Bond Ceremonial, May 25. Previously the Club had purchased a Permanent membership in the Shriners' Hospital. During the past four years the Club has sponsored the annual Knight Templars' Night at the Pop Concert and it has always been a sellout. The Club suffered a great loss this year in the death of President Roy Perkins. Past President Hamilton served as President for the unexpired term and Bill Sharpe served as Vice-President. The annual meeting of the Club is scheduled for June 9, when the officers are to be elected for the coming year.



## THE SHRINE AND MASONRY

THE man who comes to the Shrine had his Masonic origin in a Blue Lodge where he was taught to reverence the name of God and pray for guidance. He came on through one of the Rites where his knowledge of the dignity of Masonry was expended, and the Shrine was provided for him as a place where he might join with his brothers for fun, pleasure and amusement.

The Shrine was not and is not given to Masons as a place for exercising practices that would not be tolerated in the Masonic bodies, or which are taboo among gentlemen. The Shrine stands for all of Masonry and for wholesomeness in life. It stands for letting in the sunshine on discouragement and grief and woe, and it would substitute hope for despair at all times. Without the formalities that attend the degrees in Masonry, it brings members in close fraternal touch, and it breeds confidence between wearers of the Scimitar and the Crescent.

The Shrine has always been made up of the finest type of men in every community, men whom we are glad to know, men who travel by preference along the sunny side of the street and who play a fair game all the time. They hit the ball hard in business and in pleasure, but they know where the brakes should be applied. They sow in kindness to reap in friendship.

The playground of the Shrine is inside the secret Temple. When playtime is over there, we go back to the world as Masons, charged to maintain a "good report" among our fellows.

Membership in the Shrine gives us the right to wear its emblem and to partici-

pate in its good works, as well as its pleasures. It gives us an opportunity to know the finest fellows on earth and to have part in the most magnificent benevolence ever started by man — the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. We should guard well this privilege.



## THE HOT SANDS

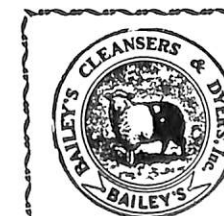
By Noble Edgar A. Guest

As Sons of the Desert we journeyed afar  
And our caravans suffered from jolt and  
from jar,  
The demons beset us in throngs and hordes,  
They belabored our backs with the flat of  
their swords.  
They prodded us, jabbed us with fish  
spears and things,  
And chuckled with glee as we winced  
'neath the stings,  
And I whispered to Jeff on the sands burn-  
ing hot,  
"The Arabs, by gosh, are a foul smelling  
lot!"

We were both drawn and quartered and  
burned at the stake,  
And I'll swear that I stepped on the prongs  
of a rake.  
The fiends called on Allah to help in the  
game.  
But I'll bet all I have that the other chap  
came,  
Through the sulphur and brimstone they  
forced us to grope,  
And it took all my strength to hang onto  
the rope,  
But I whispered to Jeff at the first chance I  
got,  
"The Arabs, by gosh! are a murderous  
lot."

At last unto Mecca we came, limp and  
sore,  
And the big guy said: "Well, do you want  
any more?"  
Jeff looked at him and calmly said: "That's  
a bluff,  
You've not got any more of that torturing  
stuff.  
Your locker is empty of powder and ball,  
We know from our feelings that we got it  
all."  
And we grinned, and Jeff said as we walked  
to our seats:  
"We want to be Arabs when next the  
Shrine meets."

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING  
Associate Editor

THROUGH an oversight in the March issue we neglected to report the death of Noble Dr. Everett G. Priest, formerly of the drum section, who passed away at the Tobey Hospital, Wareham, Mass., on March 13, after a long illness. Noble Priest graduated from the Eclectic Medical University, Kansas City, in 1918, and until his retirement several years ago, on account of failing health, he maintained offices in Boston. For ten years he was Superintendent of the Boston Emergency and General Hospital.

We understand a little group of twelve members of the band, under the direction of "Prof." Fred Rawson, made a trip to Salem May 23, to play for the Salem Council R. and S.M. The audience kept calling for the "Beer Barrel Polka" but being a high class bunch (so our informant tells us) they tried to side step any such plebian music. We think, however, that the real reason they would not play "Roll out the Barrel" was because they did not see any evidence of a barrel to roll out, and they were very, very thirsty.

We are sorry to report that Noble Harry Woodworth, formerly of the cornet section, passed away recently. Noble Woodworth used to attend all band functions but a few years ago was obliged to give up his activities owing to age and ill health.

Noble Carleton B. Perry, of the "Sax" section, who holds the rank of Captain in the Boston Police Department, had been appointed by Colonel Sullivan, Police Commissioner, to succeed the late Capt. Lawrence H. Dunn as commanding officer of Division 8, or the Harbor Police as it is known. In appointing Captain Perry to this post, Colonel Sullivan stated that he was a former Navy man, that he had had years of experience at the Harbor, and held the necessary marine licenses and qualifications, and that he knew of no other man so well qualified to hold that post.

Boston is unique as the administration of its harbor is under the control of the Police Department, and Division 8 polices the water and islands. In view of the coming post war developments of the Port of Boston the position of Captain of Division 8 and Harbor Master is very important.

Captain Perry joined the Boston Police late in 1919, after his discharge from the Navy as a Petty Officer, patrolling a route on the Atlantic Avenue water front. Later he was assigned to the Harbor Police, where for several years he was Quarter-

master of the steam tug *Guardian*, which then patrolled the outer harbor. Passing high on the list for Sergeant, two days after completing the necessary five years as patrolman, he was assigned to the Milk Street station—one of the youngest sergeants on the force. A few years later he was Lieutenant at the Hyde Park station, and two years ago was commissioned a Captain.

Captain Perry has been commended many times for rescues and police work. On the night of the terrible hurricane of 1938, the Captain with two patrolmen made many trips with the patrol boat *Argus*, the smallest of the fleet, in many parts of the harbor where the larger boats could not reach. For his work that night, on recommendation of the French Consul at Boston, the French Government in the name of the President of the Republic, presented Captain Perry with the French Marine Medal. Captain Perry is one of a long list of members of the Craft who have held the post of Harbor Master, notable among them being the late Deputy Superintendent Bragden. It would seem, with the importance of the position in the coming post-war development, that we should see Noble Perry raised to that new rank, in appreciation of his many years of service to the police department.

Noble Norman C. Davis paid the band a visit May 21, and received a warm reception. Noble Davis joined the Navy when the war started and is still in uniform. It looked natural to see him sitting in the brass section tooting away with the rest of them.

#### THE MOUNTED PATROL

By NOBLE KENNETH B. KING

THAT very colorful troop you see performing certain duties at all Ceremonials, I think we have more or less taken for granted. However, these troopers are quite active as a unit, between Ceremonials. On an average of one evening each week, you will see them galloping along the bridal paths of the Arboretum, rain or shine.

One evening in each month they get together for dinner and to transact such business as may be necessary.

This year they renewed an old custom of getting together with their ladies at dinner before the Potentate's Ball. The Fox and Hounds Club was their oasis this year from which they advanced by twos to the Copley Plaza.

We will tell you some more of the activities of these Nobles in future issues of the News.

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#### THE ALEPPO BAND

By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING

THE Aleppo Band was organized originally as a Fife and Drum Corps in 1915, and consisted of 14 drums, 7 fifes, bass drum, cymbals and a drum major. It was under the direction of Noble Clarence Knowlton of the old 8th Regiment Drum Corps, who resigned after a few weeks and Noble Louis Harlow was placed in charge. He built the band into a big organization, having at one time over 200 members on its roster, with from 140 to 160 members who could be counted on to turn out for a parade or other function.

In 1916 a brass section was added which formed the nucleus of what later became the largest and most unique band in Shrinedom, or, in fact, the whole country. This brass section consisted of 6 cornets, namely, Nobles Fred Maxham, Eugene Sargent, Fred Rawson, Prince Swift, "Ike" Howard, Dr. H. C. Chester (who later shifted to trombone), and C. Alford Wilton, trombone. Of this number four are still with us, namely, Nobles Maxham, Rawson, Chester and Wilton.

In 1917 a new instrument was designed especially for the band, known as the A flat flute, which was built on the Boehm system and replaced the old fashioned fife. Aleppo is the only band to have these instruments.

The band has contributed its services for a great many charitable, patriotic and fraternal gatherings outside of Shrine functions. It is known from Maine to California and from Florida to Canada.

Of the 24 charter members only 4 are active members now, namely, Charles C. Fearing, Ralph W. Fitts, Joseph L. Harding and George H. Strauch, who have 30 years service to their credit. Of the original brass section 4 are still with us, Nobles Maxham, Rawson, Chester and Wilton, with 29 years service.

The oldest member in point of years is Noble Fred Maxham, who has passed his 85th birthday and can still blow a strong cornet. Noble John Gray, clarinet, has passed his 82nd birthday. (Moral: Join the band and live to a ripe old age.)

Of the present membership the following 36 have served for 20 or more years:

Raymond F. Barley  
Earl A. Bartlett  
William A. Black  
Roger Blanchard  
Clifford E. Bragdon  
Herman Brightman  
William E. Bucknam  
Carl W. Burket  
Dr. Horace C. Chester  
Charles H. Coleman  
Orville N. Estes  
Charles C. Fearing  
Ralph W. Fitts  
Benjamin A. Flanders  
Lewis Gaunt  
John Gray  
Deeran J. Gulesian  
Joseph L. Harding  
Herbert D. Holm  
William R. Koenig  
Charles E. Leavitt  
Fred W. Maxham  
Charles H. McGee  
Frank E. Oliver

Carl B. Perry  
Fred G. Rawson  
Albert H. Saunders  
Gideon T. Sawyer  
William H. Sears, Jr.  
George H. Strauch  
Philip R. Thompson  
Frank L. Warren  
Harry L. Wheeler  
C. Alford Wilton  
Edward J. Wheeler  
Harry D. Wyeth

And of course the 4 charter members mentioned above.

Of the active members the following Nobles have attended 500 or more rehearsals and band functions, but less than 1,000:

William A. Black  
William E. Bucknam  
Milo S. Burnell  
Dr. H. C. Chester  
Edward Dale  
P. N. Dexter  
Orville N. Estes  
Lewis Gaunt  
D. C. Gulesian  
Herbert D. Holm  
Charles E. Leavitt  
Fred W. Maxham  
Charles H. McGee  
Dr. G. E. Perkins  
Lawrence Priest  
Fred G. Rawson  
Robert A. Stetson  
Abner Stodder  
Kenneth Wade  
Frank L. Warren  
Fred T. Waugh  
Edward J. Wheeler  
C. Alford Wilton  
H. D. Wyeth

The following Nobles have attended 1,000 or more rehearsals and band functions:

Herman Brightman  
Charles C. Fearing  
Ralph W. Fitts  
William R. Koenig  
Frank E. Oliver  
Gideon T. Sawyer  
George H. Strauch  
Philip R. Thompson

Of the inactive members the following 18 Nobles have attended 500 or more functions but less than 1,000:

K. D. Bean  
C. E. Bradbury  
John Bradford  
C. E. Bragdon  
Louis Brightman  
E. J. Beede  
E. H. Currier  
Arthur L. Fleming  
Edward L. DeForest  
F. J. Googins  
David F. Hunt  
H. C. Sackison  
Guy A. Shedd  
Dr. E. W. Smith  
Carl Krotki  
C. F. Nason  
G. G. Noren  
Harry W. White

Two Nobles not now active in the band have attended 1,000 or more functions, as follows:

H. M. Sawyer  
H. L. Woodworth

In 1929 Noble Walter M. Smith, one of the outstanding band leaders of the country, was put in charge of the band and under his able leadership the band continued to be successful. In 1936, after his death, his son, Walter M., Jr., was appointed leader, which position he still holds. Under present conditions like all organizations the band has lost, temporarily at least, many members who have either joined the armed forces or gone into defense work.



#### NOBLE DYER PASSES ON

ONE of Aleppo's active committee members and workers, Noble Clarence W. Dyer of 82 Grand Street, Reading, passed away at his home Tuesday, May 22, following a short illness.

Noble Dyer, who was born March 4, 1882, in Kohala, Hawaii, the son of missionary parents, was well known throughout New England, where he traveled for the past 27 years as a salesman for the U. S. Gutta Percha Paint Co., of Providence, R. I.

Noble Dyer was a member of Hornellsville Lodge of Hornell, New York; the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lowell; Massachusetts Consistory of Boston and Aleppo Temple.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Wilhelmina Dyer, and a daughter, Miss Gertrude F. Dyer of Reading.

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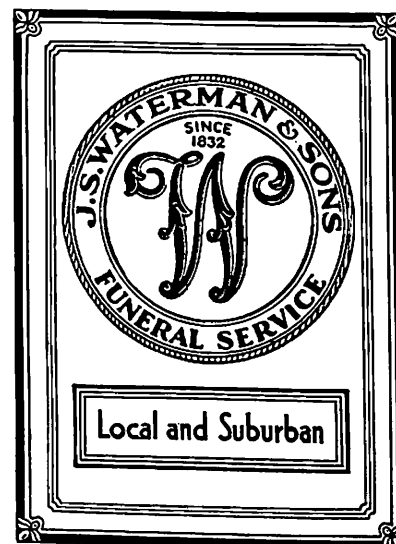
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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY

Associate Editor

OUR May twenty-fifth Ceremonial was a very successful and enjoyable event from the Degree Staff angle. With only a couple days' notice, Director Watson was able to call together the Degree Staff members and put on an impromptu unrehearsed Second Section that unquestionably delighted the Nobility.

At this Ceremonial we proved that like old friends the old stunts are the best. No stunt is better than the candidate that you have to work and in the last fifteen years, we have never had a better class of co-operative candidates.

Each and every one of the sixteen who were worked proved to be a gentleman and a good sport. For the information of the Nobility, I think we should name these candidates who took it and asked for more. They are: Arthur P. Brooks, Horace E. Davenport, Albert F. Douglass, Morris Ehrlich, Spencer D. Lorton, Vladimir S. Lutziv, and a fellow who I know very well but didn't recognize in his makeup, Stanley N. McNeilly, Abraham Ruthfield, Frank Schneider, George W. Smith, Wilfred L. Smith, Jr., Orrin W. Taber, Arthur E. Gerome, Kust Anderson, Morris Singal, and another guy whose name I cannot find.

The outstanding "candidate" and one who certainly deserves honorable mention is Don MacQuarrie, a member of our Degree Staff for nearly fifteen years. Don sells curtains, overdraperies, blankets, etc., not a very rough line, but has proven himself many times to be able to take the worst the Degree Staff has to offer.

Sid Abbot demonstrated his marksmanship ability again to the great discomfort of the candidates. Sid is also the boy with the long right arm who takes some abuse from the candidates. Sid didn't get a chance to do any surgical work at this Ceremonial, but at the request of our Potentate, Arthur, he will in the near future perform one of his delicate operations. Sid gets tangled up just as our Master Barber, Robie Nichols, tangles with the candidates hair.

Three outstanding members of the legal profession initiated at the Ceremonial were Judge Gilbert W. Cox of Needham, Judge Frederick H. Davis of Brookline, and Edmund M. Murray of Wellesley. These Nobles with Past Potentates, Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., and Willard Lombard, should form an Aleppo Temple "Bar" Association. Not any of these Nobles drink so I guess that's out.

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